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SPOTLIGHT ON A HAM BY LORNA, KA7RFD

First licensed in 1922 and holding his current license since 1930, we believe Ernie Austin, W7AXJ, is the longest licensed ham in OTVARC.

Born in Massachusetts, Ernie came to Oregon when he was only two years old and became interested in ham radio as a student at Benson Polytechnic when he joined the radio club at the school.

After graduation and working around the farms in the Hood River Valley, Ernie went to work for Western Union Telegraph in 1925. There he met Minnie. They've now been married for 58 years, have two sons and three grandchildren.

In 1929 he moved to Pacific Telephone & Telegraph (now Pacific Northwest Bell) as a Repeaterman and retired from there 41 years later as a Rate Supervisor.

1943 was the year he was sent to the wilds of Western China in command of a Travelling Instructional Group to teach the Chinese how to use American weapons. Two American divisions with the help of the Chinese managed to keep 14 Japanese divisions busy and when the Chinese advanced on the Burma Railroad, Ernie was the only American to go along, as he was the only American who could telegraph. At the end of WW II, he came back to the U.S. with the rank of Colonel.

Asked about some highlights in his 65 years of hamming, Ernie says "the highlights keep getting higher and higher" but he recalls one incident in 1936, back in the days of open wire, when a severe wind and rain stormed Portland and Coos Bay. Ernie with his wife's help provided the only communication link, via 80 meters CW, to the Press services and the phone and Telegraph Companies Wire Headquarters until service was restored.

Ernie also tells the tale of one of his early mobile rigs - bicycle mobile. The bike had a mast front and back with wire strung between. Operation was with a Ford spark coil and a crystal receiver. He must have hit the key at the wrong time as the next thing he knew he had such a shock he was knocked off the bicycle.

Biggest changes in ham radio have been the switch from AM to single side band and Continental Morse to digital in Ernie's opinion.

Although he keeps up with almost every aspect of our new technology, his favorite mode of operation is still Continental Morse Code, on whatever band, as he feels it is such an international language.

Minnie and Ernie spend about half the year in their mobile home in Arizona and he enjoys his radio and video hobbies and still spends an average of three hours a day at the rig. "Yes, I've earned some awards over the years" said Ernie in response to my question, "but they are all in an envelope in a desk drawer so I can't really tell you what I've got. I've got Brass Pounders and Al Operators Club and awards for winning a few contests".

Thanks for sharing some of your stories with us Ernie. I hope I can persuade you to tell us some more recollections so I can publish them in the Newsletter.

JULY MEETING PROGRAM BY LORNA, KA7RFD

As a Sales Engineer for Tektronix covering the five Northwestern States, Stan, W7NI was able to visit "the other end" of the Alaskan pipeline on a trip to Prudhoe Bay this Spring.

He'll share his experiences of operating north of the Arctic Circle as W7NI/Portable KL7 and show us 35mm slides of the ARCO installations, the oil processing, employee living quarters and, of course, the ham shack from which he operated. Sounds like a real "cool" program for a hot Summer evening.

MEMBERS CELEBRATE JULY BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to these members celebrating July birthdays:

Brian Helne	KA7KIR	July	3
James Ryan	KA7SOQ		3
Victor Altabe	KA7RKS		5
Susan Benson	N7EPE		6
John Conley	K7DMM		7
Floyd March	W7BPO		9
Dinah Tucker	KA0EPR		13
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Bob Fitzpatrick	KC7PL		15
Carter Harrison	WB7WHO		26
Larry Johnson	K7LJ		27
Betty Hartzig	W7CPV		28
Terry Biggs	WB7CHK		29
Michael Ault	NV7F		29
Tim VanDenBos	N7IFQ		29

OTVARC COFFEE MUGS NOW AVAILABLE

The OTVARC Board of Directors has commissioned the design of a coffee mug which has been recently placed.

The first order should arrive in early-August. The eleven ounce microwavable mugs are grey-colored with our OTVARC mascot painted in "Coca-Cola" red and are made from English Ironstone.

Due to a special quantity price break, we are offering the mugs for sale for \$3.75 each or six for \$20.00. The mugs are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, however, paying for your order now will assure your delivery while quantities last.

A sign up sheet will be available at club meetings. Over 40 mugs were sold in June with little notice. You may also call Jeff, K7JF at 297-7965 to place your reservation.

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Meetings are held on the Second Wednesday of each month at the Beaverton Elks Lodge, 3500 S. W. 104 Avenue, starting at 7 pm. A buffet dinner is served at 6:15.

Cutoff date for all newsletter material is the 20th of the preceeding month.

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SEA-PAC - WOMEN'S PROGRAM REPORT BY MARVEL, KA7TZT

The Saturday Morning Coffee Hour was once again a resounding success! More than 75 ladies managed to crowd into the Hospitality Room at the Hallmark Inn for coffee, donuts and visiting.

The presentation on arranging flowers by The Natural Nook was fun and very interesting and they donated the finished arrangement for a door prize at the Ladies Luncheon. The luncheon was a sellout and, once again, the Shilo did a lovely luncheon for us. Mrs. Jeanne Miller, our luncheon speaker, had a beautiful display of silver and shared with us much history and hints on how to find and care for any silver pieces we might have.

The Saturday afternoon speaker from Serenity by the Sea had a small, but interested, group in attendance. The Sunday Morning Coffee was well attended, by a somewhat smaller group, who seemed to enjoy the chance to visit with old or newly made friends.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Fran, NI7E; Barb, WA7WTF and Val, KA7QEV for doing the Saturday Morning Coffee Hour and KA7KIR, Brian for his assistance--strong arms and youthful energy were a great help in getting us set up. Thanks to Susan, N7EPE for her help at the Luncheon and the Sunday Morning Coffee and again to Val for arranging and presenting the Saturday afternoon program. Also my thanks to Bobbi Antons for her moral support and for a luncheon door prize, Doc McLendon, W7GWC for door prizes and Legg's Pharmacy. Thank you all.

HELP WANTED

Pat Griffiths, KA7UFG is seeking help for the 1988 National Alternative Programs Committee. This will encompass an elaborate Ladies Program and probably cover an event for all Hams to have the opportunity to make a conducted tour around the Portland area.

If you would like to help or have any suggestions, please contact Pat as soon as possible.

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PUBLIC SERVICE
BY RANDY, K27T

As promised, here is the June report for Public Service. The one outstanding thing was that Mike, KE7HS got to talk to Katey Angel, a well-known local runner, so Mike will be good for another year of Public Service.

Thanks go to Dale, W7FBP who drove to Tillamook very early in the morning to help make the State SET work.

Thanks also go to Bud, KC7PS; Jim, KB7ADH; John, K7SHC and Mike for helping me on the Memorial Day race here in Beaverton. Then we had the Grand Floral Parade where the hams were positioned with a Parade Director to help control the flow of the floats and bands. Thanks to Roy, N7DUJ; Paul, WB7BBG; Lorna, KA7RFD and again, Bud, Mike and Jim for assisting me on that one.

One of the strangest races we have ever worked was the Run for the Symphony, a 26-mile relay around Tom McCall Waterfront Park - the faster teams had lapped the others so many times that nobody knew who was in the lead. Bill, KB7ANS, Elaine, KB7ANT, Jim, Lorna, Bud and I doggedly kept on going, not knowing what was going on, but like all good hams we stayed at our posts. Bill had the most excitement of the day positioned under the Steele Bridge watching a couple make out and then hang out their laundry on the bushes.

Finally there was the Sertoma Scramble - the one that Katey Angel ran in. Thanks again to Bud and Mike for helping.

SEA PAC WRAP-UP BY AL, WB7SIC

SEA-PAC 1987 turned out to be rousing success in spite of bad weather. It was successful in several areas and the most important was that so many members came forward at Seaside and pitched in. Many more than had originally signed up for any kind of duty. It showed, once again, that when the heat is on, members respond. My congratulations to all of you who gave so well. The success is yours!

It is too early to give a financial report as a number of bills remain to be paid. I urge anyone holding receipts or expecting to turn in long distance charges to do so ASAP. No final report will be given until the books are closed.

I WILL tell you this. The Convention Center was host to 2,525 people and it was very crowded. Mostly due to rain keeping everyone indoors. The two exhibitors who sell ham gear and have been regulars with SEA-PAC set sales records in spite of the new boys on the block, Alinco and Reno Radio. They, too, were pleased with sales and are most likely to return in 1989.

The banquet, flea market, ladies luncheon and exhibit spaces were sold out two weeks prior to the Convention. Have we run out of space? Given more room the banquet could have reached 600 rather than 485. The ladies lunch would have held over 100 rather than 85 and the flea market would have held 115 rather than 96. If we could advertise 150 flea market tables available, we would sell them.

Yes, we have maximized the available space but with the break next year due to the ARRL NATIONAL being in Portland and no SEA-PAC, 1989 might drop a little and rebound in 1990. Could be the Convention Center will add on by then. A last word on crowding and having a sold out situation would be to play pretend. Let's pretend we own a restaurant and it slowly gains in popularity to where it is reserved seating only and has to turn customers away every weekend. Would you worry?

Is it worth all the effort to put on SEA-PAC? Why do all of the people involved in organizing things continue to do so? Well, we all have our own reasons and I will give you some of mine. For some, SEA-PAC has become the place to meet friends made on the air. A face to fit the voice! For others it offers the chance to sell unneeded equipment. It gives exhibitors the opportunity to benefit, whether it be a club or a commercial enterprise. It benefits the city of Seaside to the tune of \$1,300,000. Just one weekend! For a person who lives a very long way from the nearest VE program it provides an opportunity to upgrade. Last of all it brings in revenue for the club. Is that enough?

In finalizing, I want to offer my deepest appreciation to all of those who have helped so faithfully in making SEA-PAC a success. Not just this year but for all of the hours, weeks and months of work expended since our first one in 1982. Because of the tremendous number of people involved, there are no plaques, no certificates nor any other form of awards for a job well done. Rather, I would hope that some of my personal reasons for doing SEA-PAC will fit with yours. There is, also, a word called pride. My hat is off to all of you.

SEA-PAC SECURITY PRIZE DRAWING

Congratulations to Bill Morris, KQ7U, one of our newest members, who won the Yaesu Handheld at the security prize drawing.

Each year OTVARC donates some ham gear as an incentive for members to sign-up for security shifts. Again we had an excellent record on security and our thanks go to Steve, KA7MOW for the marvellous job he did in heading up this very important SEA-PAC committee.

STANLEY HAMM ON CONTESTING - PART I
BY STAN, W7NI

When our editor asked me to change gears and write an article about contesting, I struggled with the idea for a while. How does one who has done a lot of contesting write an article about it without bragging about his accomplishments? Well, I finally decided I'm just going to have to brag some but at least I warned you...

I think my first effort in a contest was in the ARRL Sweepstakes in November, 1954. I was a sophomore in High School and my buddy, W7UHK, phoned me up and said "Hey. There's a contest on. Read your October QST and jump in. It's fun." So I did. I didn't win anything but I was amazed at how fast I could rack up contacts with almost every state in the union.

My next effort was a multi-operator, single transmitter effort in the Spring of 1955. It was the ARRL DX Contest. We did it at my shack and I invited three of my buddies in to help. W7UHK is now a silent key but I still occasionally see the other two, W7UDH and W7UAB.

Anyway, we operated CW on three bands. On 80 meters we used an ARC-5 with 90 watts input to a full wave doubler. We had a second ARC-5 on 40 and the doubler was two full waves there. On 20 we used a Heath AT-1 with an external VFO since the AT-1 is normally crystal controlled on one frequency per crystal. The AT-1 ran 30 watts input to a 1/2 wave end fed Zepp.

The highlight of the contest was when W7UHK actually worked Germany on 20 meters! To make matters worse, it was near the bottom of the sunspot cycle and that was before anyone told me about sunspots. Sure, I read the reports in QST about people working Africa and Europe but I had trouble believing it. All I ever heard on the old BC-312 World War II surplus receiver was noise on 20 meters.

As time went by my skills improved, my receiver improved (we bought a used Hallicrafters SX-71 for the huge sum of \$140 and I will always be grateful to my Dad, W7PH, for funding that effort), the sunspots improved, my power improved (home brew 813 amplifier) and my antenna improved (cubical quad, homebrew, on a 50 foot pole cut from the nearby woods). My contest efforts were significantly better but I was still not winning.

Now, I began to take a real interest in DXing and I chased countries with the other Portland area DXers. I generally worked what they did and my country total was climbing. I was the youngest charter member of the Willamette Valley DX Club and new countries were more important than contests.

Suddenly, I found myself graduating from High School and heading for Corvallis and Oregon State! That was a great

experience but it wiped out my efforts to keep up with the other DX Club members when a DXpedition would put on a new one. I became discouraged when I fell behind in country totals and I knew if I had only been home I could have worked 'em. At this point, I had to decide what was really important, anyway. Falling behind really didn't indicate a lack of operating skill. I was simply a victim of circumstance.

Contesting began to look real attractive now. I could plan to visit home for major contests since they occur on weekends. Since everyone starts at zero, I would be on equal footing with the others and this should be a valid test of skill. Later, I was to discover that contesting is a great deal more complex than that and if you ever hope to score nationally, you have to work hard at it continuously for years!

Ed's note - Although reluctant at first, Stan gave me a really great article which unfortunately I have had to break into two parts. Standby for the continuation next month.

BY-LAW COMMITTEE SEEKS ONE MORE MEMBER
BY VAN, KE7BB, BY-LAW COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

The group responsible for going through the By-Laws to see if any changes should be made is seeking one more member, preferably, but not limited to, a new Club member.

The committee will meet the second or third week of July on a night convenient to most members and will convene on a schedule yet to be determined.

If you would like to serve on this committee, please call me at 246-7975 or contact me or any committee member at the next Club meeting. Members are: Greg, W7AGQ; Sandie, KB7AHX; Geno, KA7KBH and Jim, AE7W.

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Dear Al,

SeaPac this year was just great!

Helen and I appreciate very much your generosity and the invitation to be a party of the activities.

The luncheon was superb and the attendance and response from our QCWA members was heart warming.

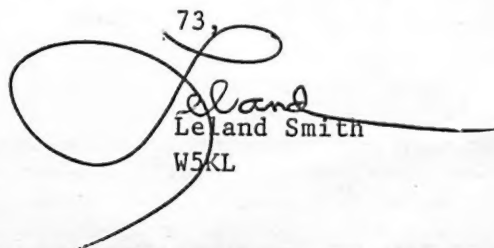
The banquet was outstanding and the program one of the best I have seen and heard.

And as you know, our QCWA booth was very successful. Would you believe we took in half as many new members at Seaside as we took in at Dayton with some 27,000 amateurs registered!

So thank you on behalf of myself and Helen as well as our QCWA Board of Directors.

I understand you will be in Atlanta for the ARRL Convention. Excellent! We will see you there.

You and your staff at SeaPac put one of the best ham conventions I know of.

73,

Leland Smith
W5KL



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THE PREZ SEZ
BY PAUL, WB6SHR

The 1987 SEA-PAC Convention was just great and the turnout was excellent in spite of the weather. The total head count was 2,525 which was up from previous years. I was very pleased to see lots of our club members there and I hope those of you who went had as much fun as I did.

By the way, our club booth was a real hit and we did make a nice profit on the door prize. We had a few members in the booth that were real sales-people and they used some rather creative marketing techniques to sell tickets. I am sure they had a lot of fun in the process and the club wants to thank them for their efforts.

Even though I did not get a chance to participate in the seminars, I understand they were outstanding. Everyone I talked to said they really enjoyed the speakers and they came away with good information.

I also want to really thank all of you who worked at the Convention. I know there was a lot of work to do but your efforts really paid off and it was really appreciated. Thank you again for all your help.

On other matters, we had a good turnout at the new members' pot-luck party at my house on June 7th. Over thirty people showed up and the weather was great. There was plenty to eat and we had plenty of time to visit with each other. If at all possible, I would like to see this event become an annual tradition. The response was very positive.

We have a lot of fun activities taking place this year. If you have missed out on some of them, don't let time get away from you. Now is a great time to join us while the weather is nice. Events like the monthly RV campouts, club picnic in August, dine out nights and Public Service events are still being planned. We hope you will take the time to join us. Have a wonderful summer.

CAMPERS CORNER BY TONY. KA7ZDE

We had a great time at Promitory Point in spite of the rain and the fishing being not too good, but that didn't dampen our spirits. Those present included Dale, KA7TZU; Geno, KA7KBH; Jim; KA7SOQ; Steve, WA7KCL; Willis, N7DZR; Dave, N7DWL; Paul, WB6SHR; Roger, KA7RNN; Marvel, KA7TZI and, of course, myself along with families and friends.

As a special Fathers' Day treat, all the guys had wrapped presents. You drew a number, then unwrapped your present and if you didn't like it, could draw again at the end of the line. There wasn't much of that going on though and gifts included hats, automatic timers, cologne, candy and books.

Next campout is July 17-19 and, by popular request, will be at Skamakowa Vista Park in Washington. Get onto Washington Highway 4 and it's about nine miles west of Cathlamet heading towards Ilwaco.

We always have a fun weekend, so hope you can make it. If you have any questions give me a call.

HEARD AROUND THE CLUB BY LORNA, KA7RFD

Happy to let everyone know that Don, N7DDK is recovering well from hip surgery and Amy, N7HJD is hopping around nicely after foot surgery. Also, Ernie, W7AXJ missed the last meeting because of minor foot surgery, but he's now fine.

Don, W6AES, is scheduled for hip replacement surgery in July. He'll truly be the bionic man as he had the other hip replaced some years ago. Our thoughts will be with you.

Colleen, KA7MDC who had a seizure while down at Seaside is not as perky still as she would like to be and consequently will have to miss Field Day and won't be able to go to Summer school as planned. Hope you're feeling a whole lot better real soon, Colleen.

Best wishes go to K7VDQ, Ray who was married to Carol Hintz on June 20. And while on the subject of weddings, congratulations to W7AQC, Greg and Loretta who celebrated their Silver Wedding Anniversary on June 10.

Now babies - congratulations to N7IFQ, Tim and Kathy VanDenBos who welcomed their first born Timothy Andrew "Andy" on May 17, weighing in at 9lb. 4oz. And how nice to see N7CZY, Linda at the last meeting and to learn she and husband, Galen are expecting their first child in January.

Congratulations to Val Roll, YL of Mark, N7CRQ who now has her Novice license; Elaine, KB7ANT who upgraded from Technician to General and Paul, WB6SHR who passed the 20 wpm code test.

LORNA'S LOOKOUT BY LORNA, KA7RFD

The Newsletter is in the transition stage. After 16 months on the job, Jeff, K7JF will be easing out of the position of Assistant Editor. He'll be lending his expertise for a couple more months but I would like to take this opportunity to thank him for the wonderful job he has done and the many hours he has spent, not only being responsible for the format of the Newsletter, but contributing many articles as well.

Sorry no photos in this issue - we'll have a bunch next time of SEA-PAC, New Members Get Together and Field Day.

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DX FOR BEGINNERS AND OTHERS
BY GREG, W7AGQ

In my last two columns, I have stated the three cardinal rules for DXers - **STEN, LISTEN and LISTEN.** Sometimes that is harder than it sounds.

You come upon a pileup and hear hundreds, maybe thousands, calling but nobody gives the DXer's call sign. Why? Most of the hams calling know there are already too many stations calling. To give a call sign of the DX station would just invite more stations to call. Also they are not trying to get the DXer's call sign to him or her...they want their own call sign to jump out of the either (old timers designation for whatever it is that carries our signals beyond our antenna). Listen for a while somebody will work him and give his call or hopefully you'll hear him too and get his call.

There are actually several reasons why you might not hear the DX station even though he or she has generated a huge pileup. If you have a beam, you may be pointed the wrong way...try a new heading maybe 90 one way or the other, or propagation may be wrong and the DX station just isn't making it to the Northwest. However, this next reason for an inability to pick up the DX signal is probably the most frustrating. He or she is working split.

Because a pileup can be so difficult to page and take so long, many DX stations listen on one frequency and transmit on another. The problem is - where do you look. Most of the pileup callers are not listening on their own frequency and couldn't answer your request of "where is he" even if you asked. The few smart ones who are trying to listen to their own frequency part of the time probably won't answer you either. So first try listening down 5 and then 10. After that...Good Luck! My experience is that most DXers listen up.

For those who don't have a big signal, working a station out of a pileup can be a very frustrating time. If that station, however, is operating split, then your brain can be just as important as a big signal. If you can, listen on both the DXer's and the listen frequency. Find the station the DXer is working, then the next one and so on. Is there a pattern? Many stations just work their way up the band 5 or so and then go back down and repeat the process. With the pileup spread out over 5 or 10 kHz your signal has a better chance and when you know where to call and when, it has even a better chance.

Most newer transceivers have split frequency capability, either directly with an RIT (receiver incremental tuning) or a memory or two. Even without those goodies, it is possible to work split, though difficult.

A few years ago I had a Swan-350, with no split frequency capability I thought. A 5H3 in Tanzania changed my mind. He was coming in great with not too big a pileup. He was working stations "10 up". I determined his pattern and knew where he'd listen next. I simply eyeballed a mark on my dial (5 kHz divisions) called him, then dialed back up to his frequency. Because I had figured out his pattern, he came right back. I then eyeballed my lower transmit frequency and gave him his report...repeating several times. His response..."Thanks for the repeat OM you changed frequency a bit...QSL your report. Bet you're working transceive. Good Luck!".

A word of caution is necessary. ALWAYS CHECK YOUR TRANSMIT FREQUENCY WHEN WORKING SPLIT! It is very easy to be transmitting on the DXer's frequency - often out of the band. Besides appearing to be a lid (nerd or idiot to the uninitiated) you could be in line for a QSL from the FCC.

Good DX and 73 or 88 where appropriate.

REPORT FROM THE OREGON SECTION MANAGER
RANDY, K27T

We now have a local Interference Committee in operation called the Lower Columbia Interference Committee. (LCIC). If any of you have an interference problem, or are being interfered with, just write us a letter, WITH A SIGNATURE and mail it to:

Lower Columbia Interference Committee
PO Box 25092
Portland, OR 97225.

When we receive the letter, we will act on it according to the urgency and will get back to you. The reason I mention the degree of urgency is that we would like to handle it at our next meeting, but if it can't wait that long we will get on it sooner.

We will accept no anonymous tips and telephone calls will not be acted on until we have a signed written notice.

There are some very experienced people in this group and all requests will be handled with the greatest diplomacy. We do not intend to get into any battles. We just want to resolve the problem and have everyone satisfied.

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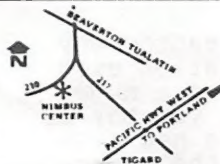


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